

White Earth Reservation Tribal Council
Quarterly Meeting
July 21, 2016 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Naytahwaush, MN

Chairman Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 10:08a.m., roll call was taken with a quorum present.

Merlin Deegan was asked to give the opening ceremony.

Present: Terrence "Terry" Tibbetts - Chairman
Tara Mason - Secretary/Treasurer
Steven "Punky" Clark - District I Representative
Kathy Goodwin - District II Representative
Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts - District III Representative

Absent: None

Others Present: Tabitha Chilton - Recorder

Agenda Approval

Motion made by Steven "Punky" Clark to approve additions and agenda, seconded by Tara. 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent.

Quarterly Meeting Minute Approval (May 19, 2016)

Motion made by Tara Mason, Seconded by Kathy Goodwin. 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent.

Program Updates

White Earth Indian Health Service

Alan Fogarty, IHS CEO, present for IHS. Providing updates for the Health Center. Starting the first week of August, the clinic will be open all day. Looking for late evenings on Thursdays and Fridays as well as open part of the day on Saturday but there is a problem with staffing. Recruited one additional family practice doctor, Dr. Schaeffer, who seems to be long term. Interviewed more but does not seem fit for the Health Center. Certifications for DOT Physical are being looked into for current Doctor's. Pharmacy concerns; hard time getting their medicine and the price with no insurance. Private sectors prescribe commercial drugs and there is always a generic, so to stretch dollars, the generic is purchased.

If something from a heart specialist or more recommends a certain drug, they will work with them to make sure that they get them. Judy Rose is going to attend next elder's meeting. Possibly syncing medication so that there aren't so many trips back and forth. The balance that insurance doesn't pick up should be paid by IHS with referrals and that problem with that is decreasing. Purchase orders are needed for new Doctor's, referral from a referral. Resolutions from the Elder's Council is asking for a written statement to the National conference, need to get in by July, 31st to be on the agenda.

Providers are the biggest issue right now. Have to get more competitive but stay within the budget. Put Elder's on the Monday agenda, July 25th.

White Earth Housing Authority

Donna Fairbanks, Director, present for Housing. No units were damaged in the storm. Seven board members, two staff positions open and decisions are being made at the moment. Mahnomen, the apartment building is being looked into for open units. Four vacant units, two need rehab. Placing a staff person available on site permanently because of the issues. NTW has 15 vacant homes and 14 families. Two tax credit homes and can't approve all by themselves, they need to be approved by accomplice officers before they move in. Elbow Lake has one vacant unit but needs sewer work. There are two people on the list. Rice Lake has no vacant homes and six on the waiting list. Pine Point has twelve vacant units, but six are being used for mold remediation and then the families will move to those units while their homes are rehabbed. Bids for contracting to do mold remediation. David Englund works with homes as manager. White Earth has two vacant homes that are tax credit and waiting for compliance officer, sixteen people on the waiting list. Callaway has four vacancies. Round house has one opening. Housing is being fair and consistent, if a person is on the waiting list, they are up next. A homeless family was placed in a unit today. Training on maintaining units. Owner rehab and water and sewer for funding proposals, should be hearing from both in November. Taking applications for homes that need rehab work. A hundred plus on waiting list already, but will be updating. A four bedroom house in Mahnomen will be used for the Wellbriety Program. Major miscommunication with contractors about materials for a unit that will be finished in one day. Bids are back out to finish the home. Naytahwaush and Pine Point are being looked into as well for Wellbriety homes. Working with families, drug issues, kids, and people trashing the homes. There are many angry people coming into the office. Will be prioritizing rehab for elders or major problems. Committee meets to approve who is in need first. Housing does not have any money from the Bureau. Any help with programs in the last five years has to wait. If there is work on homes that aren't eligible, the money will be taken back. Each of the council has 2,000 for electrical issues and having a certified electrician is a lot of money. Housing works with other resources, if they don't qualify, they are referred to other programs. USDA Rural Development is in every county throughout the state. Tax Five homes, 35 units have many problems were given by the Airforce. The last eighteen have been addressed and the first seventeen are going to be worked on. The tax credit four houses were built lousy, every hood over the stove would leak. Own funds are going to get them all fixed. Need money from other sources to finish because there's not a lot of funding left. Major inspections, each house has a report saying what is wrong with it and what needs to be remedied. 21% went to materials and 79% went to labor. Nothing can be done from what has happened before, things are being fixed from the mistakes that were made before. Pine Point report on drinking water, copper is above the legal limit in some houses. Separate issue from the mold remediation and is not the issue that they are working on right now. Complaint about confederate flag being hung at a housing unit and should be worked on by RTC, the people who are living in the unit are not enrolled. Shortage of funding with lots of issues. Will there ever be elder homes built again? There are many more issues that are present before any new buildings can be put up. Elders that are off reservation are wanting to come back home. Question on why units need to be rehabbed before other people move in. If there are damages, they need to be paid in full before being able to move back in. Looking into a re-entry program or payment plans for paying back from damages from previously renting a home. Some families owe 12,000 - 15,000 in damages. 33, \$2200 window screens in the apartment alone, new flooring in whole entry way and the first floor. Priorities need to be set, there is reserved funding for the tax credit houses but not enough to fix everything. Inspections haven't been

done before and are starting to be stricter and hold people accountable. There is a \$15,000 deductible because of three fires that have happened and have to use own money to fix. Insurance wasn't enough to replace all of homes and also wrong square footage was given. Majority of houses are tear downs and need to be replaced because of previous workers. Sewer systems are collapsing, need forty new furnaces because there was no preventative maintenance. Have not met the mission of the Housing Department but it will happen. Will have a yearly calendar with goals. Repaired two homes in Pine Point came up to around a half million dollars. With the money that has been used to fix houses can be used to build new houses. The houses that are there are what are being subsidized. Subsidy's keep the houses in livable condition. Eight units need to be torn down for sure.

PUNKY LEFT AT 10:37 a.m.

PUNKY RETURNED AT 10:41 a.m.

White Earth Tribal & Community College

Sheila Michaels, Academic Dean and Instructor, present for WETCC. Summer sessions are the busy time, currently getting ready for fall. Four billboards will be going up around the community. Looking at other billboards "you're community, your college, your future." Building project is almost complete. Most of services for students will be in one building. Will be moving from three buildings to two, which one will be administration. Many transitions are being made. New interim president is Tracy Clark for the next year. Meshing services between finance, academics and student services to serve students in the best way possible. A lot of focus on the new building and any help is appreciated. Biggest enrollment this summer session, 67% increase with almost all completing the session. Finding out new ways to retain students once they attend. Math and Science camp collaborating with UMC. AICF will have a camp on campus for tenth and eleventh graders, CSI camp. They will be able to experience college classes. 70 people attending Berry Camp. Gardening with daycare and students. Many initiatives to support the community. August 8th, 11a.m. – 6p.m. grand opening. Two year venture with U of M Crookston to be a 2 plus 2. Education degree with WETCC and two with U of M on our campus. Memorandum of understanding in September, classes will start in August. Using qualified teachers and resources that are within the community. Council of trustees has improved the Hemp initiative. Teaching White Earth history at the Tribal College from our own people. There are many classes that are being taught about Ojibwe History. Hiring Native American studies instructors, should be our strongest program. Archived materials in Minneapolis that want to be brought home. Grant monies to fund relationship with artifacts and bring some home. Committee is put together to create a cultural center for all of the artifacts. Open door policy. 54 students are already through the registration process, will be higher than the last five years. Graduated biggest class ever last year, 17.

RECESSED FOR LUMCH AT 11:26 a.m.

RECONVENED AT 12:06 p.m.

PUNKY RETURNED AT 12:16 a.m.

Community Council Updates

Elders

Lucille "Teedo" Silk, present for WE Council of Elders. Honored to march at Inauguration, it was a first. White Earth Council of Elders represents the entire reservation, not just White Earth. Articles and Bylaws represent the entire reservation. Go to each community so that each member can sit and be a

part of the Non-profit organization. Recognized as the official organization. Proposal requesting assistance to go to conference 9/13 - 9/15. Working on since April and need an answer because the rooms are being held on a personal credit card. The conference represents all of the tribes throughout the nation and bring resolutions. This year's resolution is the drug problem and elder abuse. Requests are coming from people with no connection to the council to go to the conference. They are able to come to the meetings but must abide by the rules and regulations. \$2400 for membership and registration fees that was raised by themselves. Joe Plumer assisted with a resolution created by the council. Need to know if it's okay to use the tribal symbol for shirts and banner for future parades and such. Employee abuse at the casino that needs to be addressed. Non-native in managerial positions at the Casino or if there are natives, they are being pushed out. Morale at IHS is poor, staff needs to know they can say something without retribution. Red Lake Health fair is on July 28th with a bus full of elders and stop at the fishery to pick up fish. Elder fishing program was a success besides the attendance. Wisdom steps golf tournament at Black Bear on September 9th. Working with Sheriff's, Council and Elder's to stop elder abuse. S.A.L.T Program to set up assault council or triad council. State Triad meeting in Moorhead on September 27th - 29th. Work with a lot of agencies and have a lot of information, will be beneficial to the reservation as a unit. Sheriff Glander invited to present to white earth elders, possible at Pine Point. PD hasn't made it to the last couple of meeting, officer who usually attends has a broken collarbone, will make sure they are at the next. Invited Pine Point to be on the White Earth Elder's Council of Elders but there seems to be problems. August 2nd at Pine Point, next meeting. Bus assigned to the WE Council of Elders so everybody has access to it. Elder's council are all volunteers. Law enforcement was present at the Pine Point meetings to be a mediator. There's only one person that has the license to use the elder's bus and it's supposed to be used by all of the elder's. Pine point kids are being left out of class rings or letterman jackets. One more week to work Bingo at the legion. Elder's day at the casino, the staff should be prepared for it.

PUNKY LEFT AT 12:31 p.m.

PUNKY RETURNED AT 12:36 p.m.

Callaway

Not present

Elbow Lake

Not present

Iron Range

Diane Flug, vice chair and Nadine Stish, secretary/treasurer, present for Iron Range. Attendance is down, putting ads in the Anishinaabeg Today and local newspapers to spark interest. Looking to get an LLC license for community or artifacts that have been collected for the last twenty years. Wants licenses like Shannoah used to and Tribal ID cards. Request for monetary help for 501c.

Mahnomen

Not present. Waubun, Mahnomen and NTW. New council, starting family first games in Mahnomen. They are working hard. Will attend next quarterly.

Northeast White Earth (Cass Lake)

Leo Blair, present for Cass Lake. Reevaluate Theatre, lease is not feasible but will triple if cleaned up.

Naytahwaush

Tim Rindahl, NTW Community Council. Things are going good with the pow wow grounds. Next quarterly will have more information. Last three months had family first and NARCAN training.

Pine Point

Gerald "Jeep" Roberts present for Pine Point. Bingo shuts down in the summer because there is no money made and will start back in August. Pow wow is August 13th and 14th, demo derby is on the 12th with a new committee. Wind damage last night to one section of the pow wow grounds, which seems to be an easy fix. One elder on the council doesn't feel it is right to tell the elders anything. There should be two different meeting places.

Rice Lake

Not present.

White Earth

Sandy St. Claire, Secretary/Treasurer, present for Community Council. May was families first with over 155 people. CD, PD information. Gave away a lot of gifts. Money is the same throughout the community councils, but some have more people. Two extra days of the garbage hauling. Youth gathering getting ready for school starting, national night out type of event. Successful school year with 51 on honor roll, they received beaded feathers. Incentives given for good grades. Help out the booster club as well. Would like District Rep to show up at the meetings.

White Earth (Urban)

Not Present

Veterans

Alan Roy present for WE Veteran's. Attended several events in May. Set out flags on graves for Veteran's. Requests from Minneapolis and other reservations for assistance.

RECESS AT 12:49 p.m.

RECONVENED AT 1:05 p.m.

Other

JoDan Roseau with White Earth Food Sovereignty located in Callaway, MN. Build a year round operating greenhouse. Long-term within each community. Miskwagee created Red Earth Community gardens with tribally supported agriculture. Strategic plan is being modified to fit the people of White Earth. Case study Main Street Project with regenerative products. Miasole farm, a youth initiative, to bring younger people to learn how to grow. Dream of Wild Health is a ten acre Dakota community. Raising three sister crops as well as traditional growing and organic. Created a SWAT analysis by John Gonzales, being reevaluated by Alan. Expansion and development of food systems as well as biomass. Sovereignty is number one, economically. Eating healthy and being healthy costs a lot of money. We are living on

the most fertile ground and will provide a growing workforce. Added value products. Utilize chip factory as a canning facility. Training other communities on how to garden. Family outreach. Technology utilizes renewable energy resources. Healthcare, investing in quality food for our people. USDA foods are keeping and getting us sick. High rates of diabetes and mental health issues. Aspartame effects psychology. Sugar is one of the most addicted substances on earth. Traditional foods can be offered. Rural communities don't have the opportunity to travel for groceries but will always have mouths to feed. Community and Tribal Council support, leading the way in renewable energies, strengthening sovereignty. Goal one is to provide healthy foods to the elder community. July 2017 a greenhouse and aquaponics system. Goal two is employment as each greenhouse is established. Provide training to members and other communities. Goal three, white earth sovereignty plan. Provide community training and opportunities. Has available space and external support to contribute for a pilot. No definite partners, waiting on estimates for materials. \$9,729 estimate from Menards, waiting for a list from Ojibwa Office Supply. Wild Rice Electric and construction costs for \$34,000. Educational funding around \$20,000. Grant for pilot project from RTC with the initial cost of building start up \$42,000 or portion would be greatly appreciated. If no monetary, letter of support. Have previous aquaponics estimates from Bemidji from Tara. Partner with Circle of Life School and continuing education. Quality of food is a concern. Food should be looked at more traditionally based. Steer towards a private idea with a business plan and tribe to subsidize. Fiscal sustainability for years. A goal of elders is health and wellness. Started boxes for elders and not completed.

TARA LEFT AT 1:28 p.m.

TARA RETURNED AT 1:29 p.m.

PUNKY LEFT AT 1:29 p.m.

PUNKY RETURNED AT 2:05 p.m.

Request for Tribal Law and Order Act to be brought up and people understand what it is. Involves consent and needs to be known among the people. Brief overview of what it entails, the structure. Programs are interconnected. Mothers with drug problems get an evaluation, fill out papers and informs ICW of the problems. Only benefiting monetary based on problems and poverty. Page 16, WEPD first nation to concur federal jurisdiction. Does assume mean that it wasn't brought to the people. Being charged as federal as well, most policed group of people in the country. How the Tribal Law and Order Act effects the people of White Earth. White Earth's main portion was assumption of federal concurrent jurisdiction with funding. Federal major crimes act can be on White Earth Reservation. Anything from VAWA to tribal courts is for the safety of tribal country. Problems funding police in some tribes. No funding from the state, 7% from the feds. Tribal Council is paying for Police. Looking for other funding to let off some funding from the tribal council. Sentencing guidelines are helping because feds have higher guidelines. Federal has some advantages. Applied in 2012, assumed in 2013. Reconcile with the current constitution. People weren't informed and did not grant the derogative to the RBS. Until the people speak, tribal law and order should back off. Follow constitution and find a better way of dealing with it. Uninformed people are being taken advantage of. 36 page report by Randy Goodwin called "White Earth Experiment," wrote by Hamilton. Not against Law Enforcement, just want to do it right. Ultimate saying is the power of the people, a referendum vote. Supported the RTC with 3 million dollars from band members to harass ourselves. Drug problem is a

terrible thing that's killing our people. Use money to get people off of drugs and that will impact pushers. Started off right with an officer for each community. Can't arrest out of the drug problem, it only goes so far. Some officers need community and cultural training. People need to trust and work together. Need help from the community. Rely on traffic stops to stop drug pushers. Constables in the communities. Community officers and building security. Working with youth and communities. Put jurisdiction back on the state of Minnesota and police ourselves. Make it a community effort to police ourselves. The state gets the best of both worlds. Bring up numbers of people that overdosed in the last three years. Looked at numbers last month and sometimes don't get numbers from the ambulance. Dr. Gardner is helping with statistics. Cannot report monthly but can report quarterly. Tracking NARCAN. Negative is that there are NARCAN parties where one person is responsible for saving somebody if they overdose. Figure out systems that we administer because the other system is not working. Drug elimination meetings. Concept of the new community policing officer. It will not happen overnight. Passed resolutions so conversations can be seen. Monthly drug task force meetings, good things have come out. Drug prevention on multiple levels. Strategic Plan needs to be done so there is a financial plan. Executive has gone astray from the constitution. Not just employees sitting at the drug task force meeting, the public is welcome.

Casino

Leonard Roy. Feasibility was done on the new casino and its public information. Wild rice on the new location will still be accessible and will still be able to harvest. 1855 efforts, all Anishinaabe can harvest in the State of Minnesota with a band card. Bird sanctuary has some controversy, Governor Dayton's son lives on the lake. Biggest concern is that the natives are going to net the lake out. First public meeting was huge with less than a fifth actually living on the lake. Netting was the main concern as well as the biggest concern. Environmental studies were done before the tribe was even approached. Everything is already covered.

MEETING RECESSED AT 2:10 p.m.

RECONVENED AT 2:33 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Tara Mason, Seconded by Eugene "Umsy" Tibbetts at 2:34 p.m. 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent.

Tara Mason, Secretary/Treasurer